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Primary Research Interests

- Anthropology of aging; Health behaviors and beliefs; Access and coordination of care

Primary Research Methodologies:

- Health services research, including economics
- Interventional and behavioral research

Primary Teaching Activities

- Developing and directing continuing education in medicine and associated health professions
- Supervision of social work trainees' "macro" projects

Current Aging-related Research Interests:

- Health Services Research
- Neurological and Behavioral Sciences
- Geriatric Education

Current Research and Training Grants in Aging:

- VA and Indian Health Service (IHS) – Access for American Indian Veterans (VA HSR&D)
- Fall Prevention Center of Excellence

Recent Publications:

- Kramer, B.J. (2001). Cultural assessment. In M. M. Mezey (Ed), The Encyclopedia of Elder Care: The comprehensive resource on geriatric and social care, pp 176-179, NY: Springer.
- Kramer, B.J., Harker, J.O., Wong, A.L. (2002). Descriptions of joint pain by American Indians: Comparisons of inflammatory and non-inflammatory arthritis. Arthritis Care and Research, 47(2):149-154.
- Kramer, B.J., Harker, J.O., Wong, A.L. (2002). Arthritis Beliefs and Self-Care in an Urban American Indian Population. Arthritis Care and Research. 47(6):588-94.

Community or Volunteer Service Relevant to Aging:

- Gerontological Society of America, Fellowship Committee, Clinical Medicine Section, 2002 – 2005, Chair 2003-2004.
- Advisory Boards to UCLA Center for Health Policy Research: 1) Long Term Care Advisory Board: Indian Health Service Elder Care Initiative, 2) American Indian and Alaska Natives Health Status & Access to Care.
- Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. Geriatric Education Committee.
- VA Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center- Employee Education System, National Work Group.